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Dear Nick,

On behalf of ILRI and partners, I am pleased to submit for consideration the revised Livestock Agri-Food Systems CGIAR Research Program proposal, together with revised PIM tables, annexes and an addendum providing responses to the comments of the ISPC. Tier 1 partners – ILRI (lead centre), CIAT, ICARDA, GIZ and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) – as well as Tier 2 partners (ICRAF, IWMI and Wageningen UR) have been involved in the review and revision process over the past weeks, using the commentary provided by the ISPC in mid-June.

ILRI as lead centre, and the entire CRP team appreciates the ISPC review and the constructive commentary provided which has allowed us to strengthen the proposal.

The addendum is organised according to the five major bullet points (and any other comments in bold) that **MUST** be addressed (Table 1), several other comments and suggestions provided in the commentary that strengthen the proposal (Table 2) and on intellectual assets and open access (Table 3). Table 2 also includes a number of other changes including information on the CRP director (with CV in the Annex) as well as costs included in the management and M&E/impact assessment budgets (as agreed by the CRP directors with the System Management Office). The tables contain 1) extracts from the ISPC commentary, 2) the response and 3) an indication of modifications made to proposal narrative or annexes. Revised PIM and budget tables were submitted online and the resulting tables from the System Management Office have been incorporated into the revised proposal narrative. With the modifications indicated in the addendum, the length of the revised proposal has not increased more than 10%.

On intellectual assets and open access, we have responded on some specific points in Table 3. More generally, the various CGIAR policies and guidelines in this area indicate that centres should take the lead hence we do not propose any specific CRP-level policy be developed.

Our proposed research spans six years with a base budget unchanged at US\$296 M and an uplift budget scenario of US\$444 M, of which funding from W1 & W2 is expected to be US\$137 M and expended according to Table 1 below.

Table 1. Proposed share of budget by flagship and management unit (revised July 2016)

Areas	% share research	% share (Yr 1) CRP	% share (6-yr target) CRP
	W1 & W2	W1, W2 & Bilateral	W1, W2 & Bilateral
Livestock genetics	25	24	24
Livestock health	25	18	18
Livestock feeds and forages	20	15	15
Livestock and the environment	15	12	12
Livestock livelihoods and agri-food systems	15	19	19
Strategic Investment Fund		6	6
Management Support Costs*		6	6
Total	100	100	100

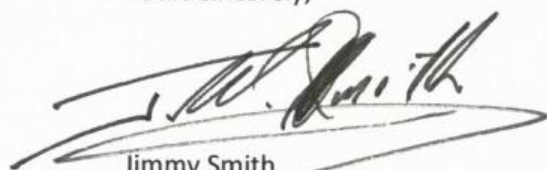
*costs included here are indicated in Table 2 of the addendum

This CRP was highlighted as having high targets for SLO 1.2 on poverty reduction and SLO 2.1 on yield gain. Yield gain estimates and their aggregation across species in the proposal have been reduced slightly with additional justification and evidence provided. Essentially, this acknowledges that for SLO 2.1 there are still opportunities to achieve large initial gains for livestock productivity compared to targets for food crops which are understandably more modest following the large gains achieved during the Green Revolution and since then. For the poverty targets we had interpreted the SLO target as being the CRP's contribution to increased income and hence "assisting out of poverty." We have now applied adjustments, with justification, to provide target numbers for people who will have "exited" poverty using a cut-off of USD 1.9 per person per day. These are reflected in the revised PIM tables and in the overall narrative.

We have taken this opportunity to clarify our investments in M&E and impact assessment, and have adjusted the figure in the summary budget table 1.1.6 to reflect the total investment proposed. I understand that this is an area in which there are ongoing discussions between the ISPC, System Management Office and CRP directors to clarify expectations.

On behalf of all partners in the Livestock Agri-Food Systems CRP, let me again thank the ISPC for its constructive comments and we look forward to receiving comments from IPSC and moving this forward for System Council approval.

Yours sincerely,



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